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**The Flooring Systems division offers a broad and attractive range of environmentally friendly natural linoleum, high-quality vinyl floors, entrance matting systems for cleaning and drying shoes, carpet tiles, needle felt, and Flotex, the washable high-tech textile flooring. Thanks to their excellent technical properties and attractive design, these flooring products are invariably the first choice for public buildings, department stores, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities, schools, libraries, commercial and office spaces, leisure centers, shops, hotels, restaurants, and cafeterias as well as for applications in the residential market. With a market share of about 70 percent, Forbo is the world leader in linoleum.**

**Flooring Systems also provides ready-made adhesives for floor covering installations, parquet flooring, and ceramic tiles, leveling compounds for the construction industry as well as liquid floors under the trade name Eurocol.**

With 15 sites across 26 countries and 3000 employees, the flooring division has 4 sites in the United Kingdom. Further information at <http://www.forbo.co.uk/>

Location : Ripley, Derbyshire

The Ripley site produces a range of flocked floor coverings in sheet, tile and plank formats. With a manufacturing footprint of 12000sqm and a 9000sqm warehouse, Ripley's manufacturing processes include polyamide yarn cutting, dyeing, drying, electrostatic flocking, rotary and digital printing, backing application and final cutting/conversion. The Ripley site has ISO14001, ISO9001, ISO45001 and ISO 5001 (the first manufacturing site in the UK to achieve this) quality accreditations.

## **R&D Technologist**

The role:

We're looking for a curious and driven R&D Technologist to join our close-knit team of three at our Ripley site, working directly with the Head of QA & Development for BU Textiles.

In this full-time, hands-on role (36.5 hrs/week), you'll play a pivotal part in shaping the future of Flotex by leading raw material evaluations, supporting Flotex production and helping to solve production challenges, and developing new Flotex products and innovations.

Key responsibilities for the position include:

- Ensuring safe working practices across lab and factory environments
- Applying expertise in colour theory, dyeing techniques, and colourfastness
- Evaluating raw materials using knowledge of their properties and how they react to different processing conditions
- Supporting production with problem solving, technical insights and guidance
- Operating lab and pilot equipment with sound understanding of lab protocols
- Driving R&D projects independently and collaboratively to meet deadlines
- Communicating effectively and use available tools to develop innovative textile solutions
- Using available resources to investigate, recommend and develop innovative products/ solutions and contribute to continuous improvement

The successful candidate must:



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To apply, please forward on a cover letter explaining how you meet the above requirement along with a current CV detailing your current & expected salary/benefits package to Sarah McMasters, HR Business Partner (Ripley site)  
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